IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Qocket No.: 50006-073

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Serial No.: 09/654,875

Group Art Unit: 2811

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Examiner: N. Parekh

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS WIRING METHOD For:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PETITION TO WAS **EXTENSION OF TIME FEE** 

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of November 5, 2001 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-6) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

The Office Action, dated November 5, 2001, was received by the law firm McDermott, Will & Emery on December 20, 2001. A copy of the cover sheet of the Office Action, showing the received date stamp of the firm is enclosed and confirms the delay in mailing. In view of the circumstances concerning mail delivery during this time period, and the fact that the present response is being filed within one month of receipt of the Office Action, petition is hereby made to waive the fee for one month extension of the time period set for response.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby 01/11/2002 JDAM ade. Of Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including 01 FC:115 110.00 CH

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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